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SUBJECT: 1974 BUDGET FOR AGARD (ADVISORY GROUP FOR AERONAUTICAL
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1. REFTEL ADVISES MISSION OF CSAF CONCERN REGARDING CEILING
OF 4.8 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS FOR AGARD FOR 1974. THE REDUCTION
FROM FF 4,971,000 TO 4,800,000 WAS NOT IMPOSED BY THE MILITARY
BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC). THE MBC ESTABLISHED THE 1974 CEILINGS
FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 BUDGETS IN THE AMOUNT OF BF 5,050,000,000.
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS AMOUNT WAS ALLOCATED IN BULK TO ACE,
SHAPE, LANTCOM, CHANCOM, AND THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF
(IMS). THE ALLOCATION TO THE IMS WAS DISTRIBUTED BY THEM TO
THEIR VARIOUS ELEMENTS SUCH AS AGARD, NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE, ETC.,
BASED ON THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRIORITIES.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS, THERE ARE NEVER SUFFICIENT
FUNDS IN NATIONAL BUDGETS TO MEET ALL MILITARY REQUIREMENTS,
AND THE ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE MONIES MUST BE BASED ON PRIORIT-
IES. IN THIS REGARD, THE TOTAL CEILING FOR THE MILITARY BUDGET FOR
1974 IS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY ALL 15 NATIONS AND REFLECTS
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THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REP TO THE MBC.

3. COMMENT: THE BUDGET CEILING CONCEPT INTRODUCED BY THE
MBC (DUE TO US AND UK EFFORTS) SEVERAL YEARS SIVE
POLITICAL SWING THROUGH THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN
PROVINCES. IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS HE HAS BEEN PLAYING
THE RECURRENT THEME THAT TROUBLEMAKERS DURING THE ELECTION
WILL BE STERNLY DEALT WITH BY THE GOVERNMENT. YESTERDAY
HE MADE A THINLY VEILED THREAT THAT OPPOSITION POLITICIANS
CURRENTLY OVERSEAS WILL BE DETAINED IF THEY DARE RETURN
FOR THE ELECTION.
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